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REMARKS

Claims 1 to 33 are in the application. Claims 28, 29 and 33 have been cancelled previously. Claims 1 to 12, 19 to 27 and 30-32 are withdrawn herein. Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 13-18 will be pending and ready for examination.

Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been hereby introduced.

In response to the Outstanding Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group II, drawn to claims 13-18.

Species requirement

The Examiner states that claim 2 is a generic claim encompassing a plurality of distinct viruses that have different genomic composition (a DNA virus or a RNA virus) and distinct genes encoding structurally and functionally distinct viral proteins. Election of a single species prior to a search on the merits is requested. Applicants hereby elect adenovirus.

Pending claims 13 to 18 encompass the elected invention.

The above amendments and remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action of April 22, 2008.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this Response or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of the application can be expedited.

No additional fees are believed to be necessitated by this amendment. However, should this be in error, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 19-5113 for any underpayment or to credit any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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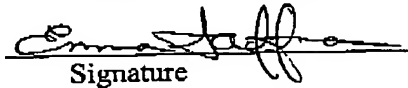
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